Drinking water to Rajasthan under Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Supply Mission

†185. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount to be allocated to various districts experiencing paucity of safe drinking water for supply of potable water to the people in Rajasthan under the Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Supply Mission in the year 2008; and

(b) the district-wise details of amount targeted to be allocated by the Central Government under Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Scheme in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU):(a) and (b) Rural water supply is a state subject and as such State Governments are primarily responsible to provide drinking water to the rural habitations. To supplement the efforts of the State Governments, financial assistance and technical support is rendered to the States through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely Accelearated Rural water Supply Programme (ARWSP) under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM). State Governments are, however, competent to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply schemes for the coverage of rural habitations from funds provided under ARWSP. Under ARWSP, Government of India allocate the funds to the States and not to the districts.

Setting up all-weather roads under Bharat Nirman Programme in Assam

186. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering to set up all-weather roads under Bharat Nirman Programme; and

(b) the status of the Programme in Assam; and the details of allocation of funds, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir, Under Rural roads component of Bharat Nirman, it is targeted to probide connectivity to all habitations with a population of 1000 persons and above (500 persons and above in the case of hilly or tribal areas) with an all-weather road by 2009. The programme also envisages upgradation/renewal of existing rural roads for farm to market connectivity.

(b) The status of Target and Achievement under rural roads component of Bharat Nirman in Assam is as under:—

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